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SRI K. VINAYAKAM: There could be no two opinions on the efficacy of the system that is adopted by the Government. I am aware of it. However, would the Government issue instructions to the Director of Public Instruction and the District Educational Officers concerned to select such of those teachers who actually handle English classes in the elementary schools instead of selecting at random whomsoever they like and who do not actually and exactly handle or teach the classes in English?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: There are no such teachers as teachers of English. As far as elementary teachers are concerned they have to deal with some two or three classes and some times two or three subjects also. All the Secondary Grade teachers teach English. Our programme is to give re-training to all Secondary Grade teachers numbering about 26,000 to 27,000. Secondly, in the training schools also the methods of teaching which are adopted will have to be changed. That process is also taking place. Once we give re-training to the existing teachers, the new incumbants getting training in future will be taught in the new method.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, in view of the big rush to these centres, will the Government consider to open some more such centres?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The question is whether sufficient number of trained personnel of the standard required to teach the Secondary Grade teachers was available. We have to get teachers with great experience. Our view is that this training programme should be over within a period of two years. We are sorry we are lagging behind by a year. Perhaps, it will take one more year to complete the programme.

Mechanical filters

* 1556 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Corporation of Madras has applied for a grant and loan to install rapid mechanical filters; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (a) and (b) The Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, has submitted an application for a loan and it has been referred to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (General), for his remarks.

An application for a grant has not yet been received.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that only non-vegetarian water is supplied by the Corporation because the filtered water is being mixed with the non-filtered water?

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : What is meant by ' non-vegetarian ' water?

Sri A. A. RASHEED : Sir, the water containing fish and bacteria.

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : The hon. Member can get fish without paying for it. Now the water is being filtered under old system by sand filters. Recently, a 10-million gallon capacity mechanical filter has been installed. There is a proposal to instal a 30-million gallon capacity mechanical filter. With regard to that investigation is going on. The Government have also already sanctioned the scheme to facilitate the Corporation to take up the work. Necessary money is also provided in the current budget. After enquiry and investigation, it will be taken up.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Sir, may I know whether the Government have drawn up a plan to replace the existing filters by rapid mechanical filters so that the defective smell in the water could be removed?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : That is what I have been telling till now. There is one mechanical filter with a capacity of 10-million gallon. There is a proposal to instal another 30-million gallon mechanical filter.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : What is the amount of loan asked for?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : The work may cost Rs. 79 lakhs. Provision has been made in the current budget for Rs. 35 lakhs under the Head ' Loans ' and Rs. 35 lakhs under the Head ' Grants '.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is it not a fact that the water supplied through taps in the City of Madras is not non-vegetarian but it is due to the particles of fungus deposit found in the lower layers of water which are disturbed by the fishing rights allowed to the fishermen in the lake area at Poondi?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : I am sorry that the hon. Member is getting only vegetarian water.

Educational concessions

*1557 *Q.*—Sri **T. S. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of Sri N. R. Thiagarajan):** கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

தியாகிகளின் குழந்தைகளுக்குக் கல்விச் சலுகை எந்தெந்த வகையில் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது? மத்திய சர்க்கார் செய்யும் உதவி என்ன?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Educational concessions by way of remission of full tution fees at all stages in all educational institutions for Collegiate and Technical education are granted to the children of political sufferers whose gross annual income from